THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A plot measuring 6417.65 sq. metre at 6, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road was allotted to the Press Club of India by the Govt. of India.

(c) and (d) Press Club of India is a non-Government organization managed by the members of the club. This Ministry has not provided any financial assistance to it. The Press Club of India has informed that they have received Rs. 25 lakhs from Govt. of NCT of Delhi in 2006 and Rs. 10 lakhs from Govt. of Assam in the year 2005.

New TV centre projects in Kerala

2126. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the status of new T.V. centre projects and augmentation of existing T.V. centre in Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): No new TV Centre is presently envisaged in Kerala. The following projects of augmentation of existing TV Centres in Kerala have been sanctioned:

(i) replacement of existing 100 Watt LPTs at six places by 500 Watt automode (1+1) LPTs.

(ii) upgradation of an interim HPT to permanent set up.

(iii) provision of script News automation system at DDK, Thiruvananthpuram.

Orders for part equipment have been placed.

Declining employment in organized sector

2127. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the employment created in the organized sector is gradually reducing over the period;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the period between 1999 and 2004, 2004 and 2007; and

(c) the steps initiated by Government to see that the employment generation increases according to the growth of organized sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir. Employment in organised sector in the country has gone down to 26.46 million as on 31.03.2005 from 28.11 million as on 31.03.1999.

(b) The details of employment in organised sector from 1999 to 2005 (latest available) as on 31 March are given below:

Year	Employment (in million)
1999	28.11
2000	27.96
2001	27.79
2002	27.21
2003	27.00
2004	26.44

(c) The 11th Plan Document, approved by National Development Council, has projected that 58 million job opportunities are likely to be created during the 11th Plan period. The additional employment opportunities in the future will be generated mainly in the services and manufacturing sectors, in particular, labour intensive manufacturing sectors such as food processing, leather products, footwear, and textiles, and service sectors such as tourism and construction.

Medical colleges by ESI Corporation

2128. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:
SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ESI Corporation has decided to start medical colleges;

(b) if so, the details of the stipulated requirements for starting the medical colleges;

(c) whether the Government of Kerala requested sanction of a medical college under ESIC at Paripally in Kollam District;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) The ESI Corporation is exploring the feasibility of starting Medical Colleges, Nursing Colleges and Para-Medical Training Schools under ESI Medical Scheme. A consultant has been appointed on 29.02.2008 for submitting the feasibility report on the proposal.

(c) and (d) A letter has also been received from Government of Kerala requesting for taking necessary steps for starting a medical college at ESI Hospital, Paripally in Kollam District.

(e) A Sub-Cmmittee constituted by the ESIC had recommended amending the ESI Act, 1948 for facilitating imparting of medical and para-medical education with a view to improving quality of services provided under the ESI Scheme. The ESIC has approved the recommendation in its meeting held on 22.02.2008. Further action can be taken only after the proposed amendment to the ESI Act is carried out and on the basis of feasibility report.

Measures to check increasing unemployment

2129. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the measures taken to check increasing unemployment have failed to achieve their target;

(b) if so, whether Government has noticed any decline in employment generation during the last three years;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government proposes to formulate new job oriented schemes to create more employment opportunities in the Eleventh Plan; and